



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application : Mathias Uhlen, et al.
Serial No. : 09/830,080
Filed : September 24, 2001
For : A METHOD OF AFFINITY SEPARATION
AND LIGANDS FOR USE THEREIN
Examiner : J. Epperson
Attorney Docket : 102358 (formerly 2039.000)
Group Art Unit : 1639
Confirmation No. : 9697
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. This is a petition to extend the period for reply to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, setting a 3 month shortened statutory period for response which expired on December 10, 2003, for a total of 3 months to March 10, 2004.
2. A reply in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

[X] is filed herewith.

[] has been filed.

3. Extension Fee Calculation

[]	First Month	\$110
[]	Second Month	\$420
[X]	Third Month	\$950
[]	Fourth Month	\$1,480
[]	Fifth Month	\$2,010
[X]	Small Entity Reduction (50%)	-\$475
	TOTAL FEE	\$475

[] An extension for ___ month(s) has already been secured, and the fee paid the therefore of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

EXTENSION FEE DUE WITH THIS REQUEST: \$475.00

4. Fee Payment

[] A check in amount of \$ _____ is attached.

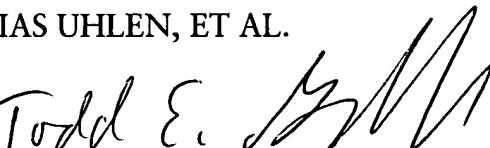
[X] Charge \$475.00 to Deposit Account No. 23-1665. An additional copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

[X] Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1665.

Respectfully submitted,

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